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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yoshihito ASAO

Application No.: 09/277,198

Filed: March 26, 1999

For: STATOR FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE ALTERNATOR AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE THEREFOR



Group Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: C. LaBalle

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please include the amendments in claims 1-4 as follows:

Claim 1: last line of the claim, change “;” to ---.

2. (Twice Amended) The stator for an automotive alternator according to Claim 1,
wherein said stator core comprises:

in a prefinished stator core, a plurality of comb-shaped strips each having a band
portion; and

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